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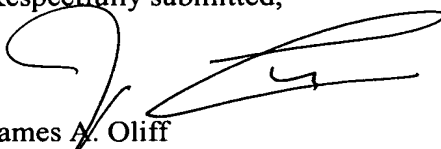
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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of non-English language reference 3 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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